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H.B. No. 728

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 728:

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C.S.H.B. No. 728

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment by the commissioner of education of  
an advanced computer science program for high school students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is  
amended by adding Section 28.018 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.018. ADVANCED COMPUTER SCIENCE PROGRAM. (a) The  
commissioner by rule shall develop and implement a program under  
which:

(1) students in participating school districts may  
comply with the curriculum requirements for an advanced mathematics  
credit under Section 28.025(b-1)(2) or an advanced science credit  
under Section 28.025(b-1)(3) by successfully completing an  
advanced computer science course; and

(2) participating school districts implement rigorous  
standards, as developed by the State Board of Education, for  
advanced computer science courses that are focused on the creation  
and use of software and computing technologies.

(b) The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to  
administer this section.

SECTION 2. The commissioner of education shall establish  
the program under Section 28.018, Education Code, as added by this  
Act, not later than September 1, 2018, for implementation during  
the 2018-2019 school year.

1           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.